proviso to clause (1) of Article 213 for the promulgation of the BIHAR SHRI SAMMED SHIKHARJ1 (REGULATION) ORDINANCE. 1994. Several representations have been received from individuals and organisations supporting as well as opposing the Ordinance. All State legislations arc examined in consultation with Ministries/Departments concerned of the Government of India, keeping in view the Central enactments on the subject and Court judgements relevant to the legislation. Clarifications, where considered necessary, are obtained from State Government. The same procedure is being followed for consideration of this ordinance also.

Issue of ration cards to Illegal Bangladeshi Immigrants

6734. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of Bangladeshi illegal immigrants deported during the last year from the metro towns of Delhi, Mumbai and Calcutta;

(b) what is the estimated undetected Bangladeshi illegal immigrants still staying in Delhi, Calcutta and Mumbai:

(c) whether it is a fact that these illegal immigrants were issued with ration cards and registered as voters in specific Lok Sabha and Vidhan Sabha constituencies in the city of Mumbai;

(d) by when Government propose to repatriate these illegal immigrants; and

(e) what action Government propose to take against the officials who had managed issuance of ration cards and/or registration in voter's list?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) It is very difficult to estimate the number of illegal immigrants staying in Delhi, Calcutta and Mumbai as they enter into India surreptitiously and easily mix with the local population because of ethnic-lingual similarities. It would not be in public interest to disclose the figures of deportation of BD illegal immigrants.

(c) to (c) Ration cards arc issued by the State Governments to facilitate distribution of essential supplies to the eligible persons. The names of voters arc included in the electoral rolls in accordance with the guidelines and procedures as prescribed by the Election Commission of India from time to time. The possibility of some illegal migrants obtaining ration cards and getting themselves enrolled as voters by suppressing the facts about their nationality cannot be ruled out.

Detection and deportation of BD illegal migrant is a continuous process. There arc standing instructions to the State Governments/UT Administrations, to make the efforts to detect and deport illegal Bangladeshi immigrants back to Bangladesh. Accordingly, State Governments and UT Administrations are making strenous efforts to detect BD illegal immigrants and to deport them as soon as they arc detected.

Freedom Fighters Pension in Assam

6735. SHRI BHADRESWAR GOHAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of applications pending with the Government for Swatantrata Senani pension from Assam;

(b) what are the details of the districtwise list of applicants; and

a4 (c) since when these are pending with the Central Government and by when these will be disposed of by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS